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# FANS TESTED IN SYDNEY

— By Andrew Dettre —

At least two matches on Sunday will test the drawing power of Sydney teams which, to say the least, must give PSL officials the gravest concern.

Hakoah, challenging for the top spot, will play at home against leaders Marconi and anything less than a 4,000 plus attendance, will be an indictment on the Bondi outfit's survival ability.

This game, played almost anywhere in Australia, would get a crowd of 10,000 or more. Anywhere, except in Sydney.

The same day St George will stage a special promotion at Barton Park where they will entertain Newcastle.

Unless the Saints' indifferent showing has cut their support, they should get a crowd of 3,000, what with free beer vouchers give away.

But even Sydney's two strongly ethnic clubs, Marconi and Olympic, are "enjoying" only moderate support.

The 6,600 and 4,600 attendances for top billings pale next to most interstate figures.

The truth is that apart from Western Suburbs (ignored by its own fans and even members) and St George (now relying on modest district support instead of Hungarian migrants), the other three Sydney PSL clubs cater almost exclusively for their ethnic fans.

When the framework of the Phillips League were laid down, we expressed our doubt whether it was possible to shed the ethnic backgrounds of clubs especially in cities where more than one club operated, without major structural changes.

We also pointed out that the ASF, including Sir Arthur George, were only kidding themselves if they believed for one moment that the Australian public would flock to PSL matches once clubs changed their names with minor cosmetic surgery.

At least nine of the 14 clubs are almost purely ethnic — four of them Greek and three Italian.

And the Australian sporting public won't be duped so easily; they merely stay away from the games. Except in cities, like Canberra and Newcastle, where they managed to swing the whole community behind their clubs.

The highly successful American NASL would have also failed, even with Pele, had it relied on the support of migrants only.

One wonders if Marconi has a single non-Italian supporter not to mention Olympic who even print their programs in Greek.

Much the same can be said about several other interstate PSL clubs — with the notable exceptions of Canberra, Newcastle and Lions — but at least they do get their thousands through the gates.

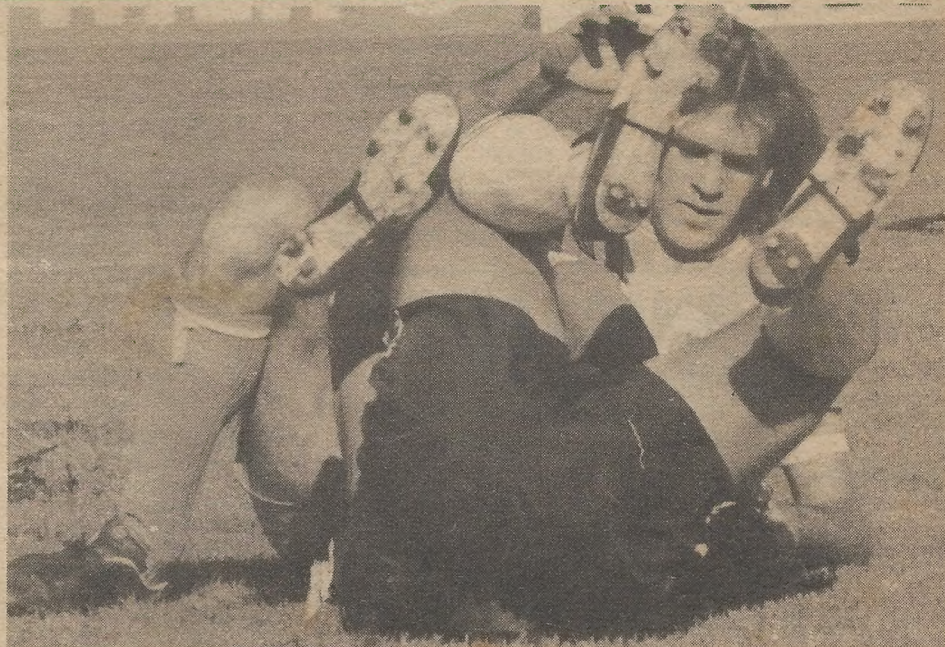
The much heralded departure from "ethnic images" by the Phillips League has turned out to be a sham.

And in Sydney, this could well lead to the financial ruin of some clubs unless immediate and drastic changes are made.

Certainly, on occasions we will see large crowds when "ethnic giants" meet — like South Melbourne against Fitzroy.

Only the names of the teams have changed. If the PSL — and ASF — are happy to leave things the way they are, they might as well go all out to attract the migrant customers and forget about the long-range future.

• See comment under "Smalltalk" on page 3.



How many feet has Marconi starlet Mark Jankovics got? This picture shows three, maybe four. Quite likely that some belong to an opponent from Adelaide City. Our cameraman wasn't sure but still managed this unique photo.

## HUGE WORLD CUP COVER BY ABC-TV

Several of the World Cup matches including the final will be televised 'live' by the ABC in June.

Whenever the direct telecast is screened in the early morning hours — 6.45 am — the program will be repeated the same evening.

All together, the ABC plans in-

clude 13 World Cup matches — an unprecedented bonanza for Australian soccer fans.

All films will be BBC productions.

But even before that, good old

Any ABC will make us all proud: starting on April 27, they will show in six weekly programs some of the best World Cup matches of the past under the title, "Games of the Century".

These will also include film clips on the preparations of the 16 World Cup finalists soon heading for Argentina.

Full details will be announced by the ABC shortly.

## Joe axes stars from NSW side

NSW State coach Joe Vlasits may not be everybody's uncle any more; this week he carried out the biggest purge since another "Joe", Stalin "liquidated" his army general staff in the 1930s.

Of the last, unhappy Soccer contingent, there are two survivors: Peter Stone and Murray Barnes.

Vlasits wanted to assemble a basically young squad, so he would have dropped many Socceros anyway.

But the fact that he could use no more than two players from PSL clubs — in order to keep that league going uninterrupted — forced him to bypass such certainties as Maher, Byrne, Sharpe and J. O'Shea.

This is his squad of 20, to be reduced to 16 after five training sessions, beginning next Wednesday:

**Goalies:** Meier, Haynes.  
**Defenders:** Mullen, Degney, McPherson (Melita), Skellern, Grosse, G. Allan, Crawford (Monaro). **Midfielders:** P. Stone, Barnes, I. Stone, Zeros (Mv. Olym.), Coleman (Croatia). **Strikers:** Butler (APIA), Jankovics, O'Connor (Saints), C. Hall (Sland), Giampaoli and W. Valeri (both from Monaro).

Vlasits has not changed since, in the 1950s, he emerged as the greatest scout of young talent; his squad oozes of fresh air after the last two years of Socceroo staleness.

He has, daringly, included such "unknowns" as Melita fullback McPherson, West's young Skellern, Olympic's Greg Allen, St. George discard Zeros, Sutherland starlet Craig Hall and three players from Monaro, Crawford, Giampaoli and Walter Valeri.

Pleasingly, he is giving an overdue chance to the brilliant Croatia midfielder Ian Stone who should have been in the Australian team two years ago.

It would be foolhardy to expect miracles from this young squad. However, knowing Vlasits' knack for finding precious stones even in the wilderness — no pun intended about the two Stones — you can be certain that these new faces will form the backbone of the 1981 Socceroo World Cup group.



Canberra City's strapping midfielder Tony Henderson hurdling through a Newcastle opponent in last Saturday's match. (Photo by Warren Hudson.)



The new FIFA World Cup, symbol of soccer's international supremacy and target of 16 nations' hopes in June.



Sydney Olympic are expecting RAY BOTHAM back soon from England. Ray is reportedly not returning alone, for he will bring with him another Manchester United reserve grade player, JOHN LAVEY, a towering striker.

That controversial GNAVI... last Sunday our reporter noted every time he touched the ball against Olympic — and this was his statistics: Good short passes 19, good long passes 19, bad passes 4, good dribbles 7, bad dribbles 3, shots at goal 2. Yet he is anything but a regular in St. George.

Toongabbie have announced that BILLY MILLEN reconciled with the club after a dispute which saw DENNIS DONOVAN leave and which was thought to also lead to Billy's departure. However, Billy re-negotiated with the club and last week he played in reserve grade against Marrieville Olympic.

For so long they have been the dormant soccer supporters of Australia, but now a "small" club feels they may be able to arouse the British migrants into following an Australian team. Fairfield West Athletics have attracted a large following amongst the Brits of the Western Suburbs and it is to be hoped that this will instill further interest to see more football, whatever the level.

Arnccliffe's STEWART GILMORE, returning after a minor injury, played in the Scots' second grade last week, and should be fit enough for the firsts within a fortnight.

Melita could well be without BOBBY SMITH for two to three weeks as a result of a groin injury. Bobby had problems with an ankle injury during the Ampol Cup, and then against Avala he suffered a strain to his groin.

Toongabbie's president BILL PARKHOUSE, now in England on holiday, met up with a former Gabbie player TONY DICKINSON who is now playing with Middlesboro. Bill was then taken to the Boro club where he met up with several young players who expressed an interest in playing in Australia, either on a short term or longer basis.

One of the lower division clubs determined to keep ahead of their "big brothers" in the top grades is FAIRFIELD WEST, newly promoted to 6th Division. Last year they were the top scoring club in the Federation, with the First grade team banging in 84 goals, and the Seconds scoring 86. They are determined to keep the "title" and signed up EDDIE WILLIAMS, the former Guildford Wanderers striker who has been the Federation's "goal king" for the past two years.

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# CLUB PATROL

Arnccliffe have signed up a Fijian representative player in AMANI ROKODEREA, a 20-year-old striker from the Nadi club. Amani is acclaimed as the "Pele" of Fiji and was second top scorer in their competition last season.

Sutherland should be regaining the services of STEPHEN MEADES within the next few weeks after the youngster was out of action for a month with a dislocated shoulder. Steve has now recovered from that injury and resumed training with the team last week.

Arnccliffe should be commended for both foresight and originality in relation to the "problem" of having to play Inter Monaro in Queanbeyan. Although Scots don't have to travel down until the second half of the championship, the club is looking to the future and arranged for a harbour cruise to raise money for the trip. The plan is to go down on the Saturday before the match and therefore spend two days away. By having the cruise, Arnccliffe hope to be able to get enough to cover the trip, thus avoiding an additional drain on club resources. Maybe other clubs could take a leaf out of the Scots book.

Don't be too surprised if MELITA appear with a new strip in the next few weeks; they have had a "jazzier" one designed so that they will be able to show off their new sponsor's name, as well as giving the team a facelift. The traditional red and white colours will be retained.

HAKOAH offers a free season ticket to all home matches to former long serving players who should contact Harry Lakmaker in the club.

Another Auburn player from last year's team seems likely to leave the green and golds. TERRY JONES, brother of Marconi fullback Barry, is likely to sign up with Melita after trialling with them last week. Raul Blanco showed his true gentlemanly qualities during the trial period by tactfully using Terry only in second grade, and didn't use him in the first team — as Melita played Auburn.

Arnccliffe Scots are on the lookout for any junior goalies willing to understudy the present third grade keeper. The idea is that a youngster about 17 years old will be reserve for thirds, so that next year he will take over the role as the others progress up through the ranks. Contact should be made to Terry Byrne on 602-1195.

Sutherland have regained GERRY WALKER for first team duties after he was out of action for four weeks through injury. Another experienced player who provides part of the backbone of the Sharks side, JOHNNY LAVIN, is at present carrying a slight Achilles tendon problem.

Canberra City's excellent keeper RON TILSED gave a few coaching lessons to the Arnccliffe keepers when City were up in Sydney over the long weekend. According to all reports he was most impressed with the Scots' young second grade keeper NICK KOTZAHAMOS, nicknamed "Kotch", who, at 17, has a great future ahead of him.

Auburn are quite likely to sign up former St. George, and Sutherland midfielder JOHN MACDONALD. John was originally an Auburn man, winning the NSW Player of the Year award with them, before he moved on to Saints.

AVALA got themselves into some hot water the other week when they trod on the toes of a lower division club. Fairfield West have secured the use of Parkes Reserve, Carramar as their home ground, and were pleased to learn that the local council were going to return and topsoil the playing area. However, without gaining any prior permission, Avala used the ground for training and damaged the new surface.

One player really in "the wars" is Arnccliffe's GLEN WALSH, who last week went off against Croatia with a suspected broken ankle. Luckily for Glen it turned out only to be bad bruising, but he was not so lucky a few weeks before when he received a couple of cracked ribs during a match. The match against Croatia was his comeback after the cracked ribs had healed...

Melita have regained a valuable player who was with them last season, in ANDY HUNTLEY, their 26-year-old sweeper. Andy went to the USA on a six-week holiday to visit relatives, and therefore missed the Ampol Cup and pre-season training. While in America he tied to keep fit, and contacted the Los Angeles Aztecs — Georgie Best's club — hoping to be allowed just to train with the team. Stunningly though he was refused permission, and had to train by himself. As RAUL BLANCO correctly points out, the rebuttal was a bad PR job, and he can't imagine any Australian club refusing an American player the opportunity to keep fit while on holiday.

Arnccliffe wish to make it known that ANY junior clubs in the area are more than welcome to get in touch with the club to arrange guest training sessions. Juniors can pick up valuable points from players in the First Division

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and all clubs in the area should realise that Arnccliffe are as keen as anybody to see junior football develop. Please Note: All those fathers, mothers, etc., who coach soccer teams and may not know too much about the game should snap up this great offer, and contact TERRY BYRNE on 602-1195.

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# While amateurs fiddle, Canberra City burns

— From a Special Correspondent

**Canberra City, which for its first two home games surprised soccer administrators by twice drawing crowds in excess of 6000, drew this weekend only 3000 spectators.**

**Sure, the weather was not the best, but rain was only intermittent and Bruce Stadium could easily cope with the conditions.**

Nor was promotion slacking off: on the day City had as a curtain raiser a full senior athletic meeting on the best track of Australia, and to cap it, a live band and marching girls.

Advertisements were placed as usual and the local Canberra Times was generous with pre-match publicity.

A crowd of 3500 is nothing to be sniffed at — some Sydney teams would be happy to draw that many.

But the reduced crowd in Canberra, following the excellent showing of their team against Olympic and St. George, calls for an explanation.

And the explanation is simple: the game was scheduled for

Saturday, unlike the first two games which were played on Sundays.

The reason? Canberra's local clubs are playing on Sundays and these teams with few supporters (most draw a "crowd" of 200 on a lucky day, while the best are watched by 1000 only once or twice a year) are refusing permission for Canberra to play "in competition" against them.

It is believed that some 20 months ago when Canberra City was no more than a dream, the local moguls gave their blessing only after extracting a promise from the founders never to play on Sunday.

And the Canberra City Board, clearly a set of gentlemen, feel honor-bound by this agreement extracted under duress.

Thus Canberra City has to play on Saturdays, while the soccer-

loving young men of Canberra play their amateur games, and the older enthusiasts barrack around the lesser grounds encouraging Canberra's 3000 juniors.

Sundays are left clear for the 16 local teams, the best of which were, during pre-season trials beaten by City by double digit figures, and which for the whole season draw as many spectators as turned up for Canberra City on one Sunday.

The situation would be laughable if it would not have such serious consequences for soccer.

Canberra is a club on the go; its success is of importance to Australian soccer and it is important that Canberra kids who try to emulate Moulis, Hogg, Milovanovic or Heywood should not be prevented by selfishness from seeing the best soccer Canberra can offer.

If the Canberra management, which in other matters has shown praiseworthy wisdom and initiative, stands idly by, one should hope the ACT Soccer Federation may act.

If not, perhaps the ASF should move in.

Surely Canberra citizens who have shown that they rally in unexpected thousands to good soccer deserve a free choice.

And, after all, the local league will still have every second Sunday to themselves.



**Tony Henderson, mainstay of Canberra City.**

The problem should be solved peacefully, intelligently — and quickly.

Everybody admits that soccer without amateurs and juniors would skate on thin ice.

On the other hand, Canberra should be like all other cities of the world, which cater for cash-paying customers in a semi-professional national league.

And if these customers show a clear preference for Sunday matches, Canberra City shouldn't even be asked to switch to Saturdays.

## Smalltalk

I don't think it bears too much debating that Sydney cannot and will not support five teams in the PSL. If that axiom is accepted, the PSL and the clubs concerned have two options:

- Live with this situation as long as possible and suffer under it.
- Make changes.

West and Hakoah have home crowds often under the 1,000 figure — closer to 600; St George cannot count on more than 2,000; Olympic only slightly more and only Marconi can reach respectable figures.

To put it bluntly, at least four out of the five must be running at a heavy loss which their licensed clubs will not accept for ever.

Last year I advocated one possible solution; scrap the five teams, as such and bring them under two new umbrellas — one club for the city's south-east and one for its north-west regions.

And all this under totally new names, new management, fuelled by the present licensed clubs of "the five."

I still say this is feasible provided the clubs themselves are willing to submerge their present identities for the sake of a giant step forward.

But if they are not, perhaps they should follow the American practice of simply moving house.

If West cannot sell their game to the good people around Dural, they are silly to stay; they should pack up and try a new area, perhaps Parramatta, Penrith — or even the Bathurst-Lithgow region.

And why can't Easts-Hakoah forget about Wentworth Park — which isn't even east — and, renaming them Illawarra Stars, move their operations to Wollongong?

Our clubs still cling to the old fashioned idea that they must play in the vicinity of their clubhouse and their "following."

But what following? The clubhouse can stay where it is — all I am suggesting is that they try to sell top soccer for a market which is likely to be more responsive than their present one.

In the NASL of the USA such a decision wouldn't even be left to the clubs to ponder — the franchise would be simply transferred from, say Hawaii to San Jose.

We could have a team based at Parramatta, one at Wollongong and one in the Western Districts of NSW rather than five of them suffocating on a small, impoverished antheap.

The examples of Canberra and Newcastle prove that well organised outfits have a far better chance of survival in "new" areas, getting an entire city or region behind themselves rather than our overcrowded Sydney clubs largely catering for a disenchanted, ageing ethnic market.

A really top team would be an instant hit in Wollongong — and if Wollongong can't produce it, then it can be exported through a Sydney club; nothing or nobody on earth can stop them.

A small community could be swung behind a good team and gradually adopt it as its own; local patriotism in sport is a vital motivating factor.

Ultimately it's up to the clubs themselves to seek their own salvation from this dreadful present impasse.

Sydney cannot and will not support five PSL and 14 NSW teams in senior soccer.

And if our clubs cannot think further than the perimeters of their little narrow world, they don't deserve to survive.

— Andrew Dettre

## TOBACCO WAR IN ADELAIDE

— By Vic Migliaccio —

**Last month, the SASF announced a 1978 sponsorship arrangement with Rothmans which will approach \$25,000. Under the arrangement, Rothmans will provide \$20,000 sponsorship for the championship season which will be known as Rothmans State League.**

The other big tobacco firm, Wills, who have been a sponsor of local soccer since I can remember, was this season left out in the cold by the SASF.

However, Wills' SA manager, Ken Richardson, said last week that his firm would continue its involvement with soccer in Adelaide and dropped a bombshell when he announced that Adelaide City and West Adelaide have signed a contract for \$35,000 sponsorship over five years with his firm.

The two clubs will play annually for the Wills Escort Cup, valued at \$5000, \$3500 going to the winner. The cup will be decided on a home and away game with dates yet to be fixed.

Adelaide City's president, Charlie Caruso, confirmed this week that Wills would also install a closed circuit television at Olympic Sports Field as part of their sponsorship.

The first elimination matches of the PSL Cup were played last Saturday. Newly promoted Noarlanga beat Cumberland 3-1 and Elizabeth winning too much for Para Hills, winning by 3-0.

The qualifying games between the 10 first division clubs will continue on a knock-out basis with the final on Anzac Day to decide which three teams join Adelaide City and West Adelaide in the Cup.

The second round will be played on Wednesday night April 5, with Croatia v Victoria at 7.30 pm and Polonia v Noarlanga United at 9 pm, April 8, at 1.30 pm Azzurri will meet Elizabeth and Beograd will play Lion at 3 pm. All PSL Cup games will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Polonia won the 1978 Ampol Cup final last Friday night, beating Beograd 3-0.

Polonia have won the Cup in 1966.

1973 and 1977. Highly fancied Azzurri were knocked out by Beograd in the semifinal, while in the other semifinal Polonia beat Lion.

The local State League will officially start next Saturday, April 15.

These are the first division games: Polonia v Para Hills, Lion v Elizabeth, Croatia v Azzurri, Noarlanga v Cumberland, Beograd v Victoria.

In next week's Soccer World we will present a full page on West Torrens club, which has been in existence for half a century, now playing in the third division. Coached by former Australian keeper Charlie Horvath, the club is heavily supported financially by SOCOMIN Adelaide (division of Petersville).

The company manager is Lou Hlava, the former St. George-Budapest (Sydney) star. The other sponsor is Northgate Automobiles, of which club president Tony Mazzone is manager.

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## COCA-COLA BOTTLERS



**April 8, Saturday**  
Western NSW v Marconi Raiders (Orange, 1 pm)

**April 9, Sunday**  
Hakoah v St. George Dragons (Wentworth, 1 pm)  
West. Subs v Marconi Comets (Dural, 1 pm)  
St. George Colts v Olympic (Barton Park, 1 pm)  
Newcastle United bye.

## SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE

**Results of Coca-Cola Youth League**  
St. George Dragons v Newcastle ..... 1-1  
Olympic v Marconi Comets ..... 1-1  
Marconi Raiders v Hakoah ..... postponed  
West v West NSW ..... postponed  
St. George Colts ..... bye  
The Border club of Albury has withdrawn.

## Fan's 90 years young

**He was born seven years before the first recorded soccer match was ever played in his native Hungary — and he still watches it weekly.**

**Joseph Hubert is probably the oldest regularly attending soccer fan in Sydney; he will be 90 on Friday.**

In his youth, in Budapest, he tried his luck as an amateur with

MTK, then joined a club called Jewelers (Ekszeres) where he was an official for some 40 years.

He came to Australia in 1949

and became a supporter of the old Ferencvaros and Europa which, in 1957, became Budapest — today's St George-BSC.

For the last 20 years he never ceased to be a staunch supporter, generous donor — and severe critic of his team.

When you ask him about today's Saints he waves his hand with resignation.

But next Sunday he turns up again at the match, driven there by some friends and neighbours, sitting in patriarchal judgement over living and dead.

Some two years ago his jewellery shop in the Strand Arcade burnt down — together with half the arcade — but he felt it was "too soon" to retire, so he opened a new one in the Imperial Arcade.

Last year, much to his chagrin, he missed two matches when he had a hernia operation.

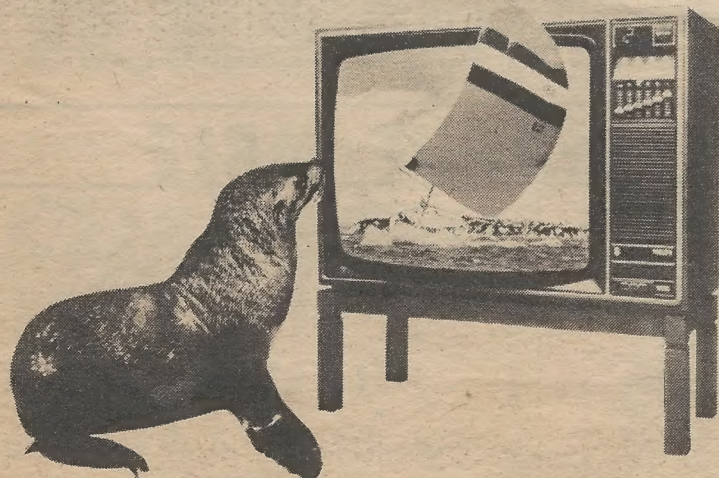
But on Sunday, he will be again at the St. George match when they meet Newcastle.

And if you happen to pass him at the ground, don your hat in respect of this grand old little man whose lifelong love affair with soccer now spans 80 amazing years.

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Sunday, April 9: Disco — 7.30pm.  
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Saturday, April 8: TERRY KAFF — Vocal Entertainer.  
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Tuesday, April 11: Euchre Night.

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# PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



## Syd. Olympic

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**OLYMPIC:** Meier 3, Palmer 3, Cross 5, G. Allan 3, McIntosh 4, Markland 4, Laing 4, Jamieson 4, D. Allan 3 (Wilson: 77m), Senkalski 4, Ainslie 5.

**Goals:** 1-0 Ainslie (2m), 2-0 Laing: (57m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 4628. **Caution:** Harris.

St. George once again proved the old cliché: "What counts is the goals" correct; for 45 minutes they threw everything at Olympic yet failed to score, whilst Olympic sat back and parried the blows, content to hold on to their second minute goal. After half time a disheartened St. George gradually gave way to the rejuvenated Olympic, urged on by the masses of adoring fans, and Laing's goal to make 2-0 was no real surprise. St. George's great failing was in attack, for whilst Hensman is proving to be a great winger, and though O'Connor had an indifferent match, Morgan was plain atrocious. His immobility meant that twice he couldn't reach tantalizing loose balls that ran across the area, whilst the myth of his heading prowess was exposed when even tiny Cross beat him to several high balls. Morgan's presence in the team also has a strange effect on his team mates, for he seems to attract a steady stream of crosses which he

## St. George

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**ST. GEORGE:** Coe 3, Utjesenovic 2, Terry 3, J. O'Shea 3, Harris 3, Grosse 4, Jones 3, Gnani 4, Hensman 5, Morgan 1, O'Connor 2.

unfailing wastes. Therefore the Saints, though they created by far the more numerous and clever chances, could not even once put the ball away. As for Olympic, they have a tight, well organised unit. The defence has a few problems, but there could be few more energetic or industrious midfielders in the league, and there is a touch or two of class in the attack. That wily old fox Ainslie with his finely honed left foot, never ceased probing in midfield and was always on the lookout for a chance to let a "rocket" go, while Senkalski, though he is something of a one half player, caused enough panic in the Saints defence to earn him some praise. In Olympic's defence, particular mention should be made of Mike Cross, a terrier-like fullback who cannot only tackle, but once he gets the ball he can use it intelligently, a rare feature in fullbacks these days.

— S. DETTRE

## West. Suburbs

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**WESTS:** T. Eaton 3, Skellern 4, Turnbull 3, Noble 3 (Rowden: 46m), Wilson 4, Harding 3, Dodd 4, O'Donnell 5, Stone 3, C. Eaton 4, Fischer 3.

**Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 1023. **Cautions:** Noble, C. Eaton.

Lively Wests gave Footscray plenty to worry about in the opening minutes of the game with attack upon attack being mounted against their shaky defence. Brian Dodd, whose ungainly but effective style caused the Footscray defenders many problems, went close on two occasions in as many minutes with shots from the edge of the penalty area. Wests defender Rod Skellern found plenty of space on the right flank and was the instigator of many goal scoring opportunities. In the 30th minute Brian O'Donnell "scored" for Wests direct from a corner, but the referee, Tony Boskovic, blew for an infringement in the crowded goal area. Footscray relied mainly on breakaway attacks from their own half and the best chance of the first period fell to their

striker Joe Piciaone, who from 10 metres, and with only the 'keeper to beat, blasted the ball high and wide. The second half was a mirror reflection of the first, with Wests once again dominating play and another "goal" for Wests being disallowed. Footscray once again failed to score with one of the easiest chances of the match, this time when a shot from Dragan Vasic went skidding away for a corner off the legs of Terry Eaton. Peter Wilson joined West's attack a number of times late in the game and was unlucky not to find the net with his powerful header from a Stone corner just went wide. Wests could just not score the goal that they so richly deserved and had to be content to share the points with a somewhat lucky Footscray.

— D. CLARK

We regret that because of a technical problem we could not publish details of the South Melbourne v Fitzroy 1-1 match.

## Brisbane City

0 (0)

**BRISBANE CITY:** Barlow 3, Caldwell 4, Tokesi 3, Perry 4, Lavelle 3, Gaffney 3, Echeverria 2, Pimblett 3 (Williamson: 85m), Conner 4, Marley 4 (Ibanez: 65m), Coyne 3.

**Goals:** 0-1 Stevenson (45m), 0-2 Tokesi o.g. (45m), 0-3 Watson (81m). **Referee:** J. Vander Lende. **Crowd:** 3000. **Cautions:** Coyne. **Sent off:** Echeverria.

The match, played on a soggy Perry Park in rainy weather was a test of both teams' stamina and their ability to "read" the conditions and adjust their game accordingly. In both these factors Hakoah beat their opponents hands down and the score wasn't really a true reflection on both sides by the end of 90 minutes. Hakoah-Easts were ahead in every department except for a short spell in the first half when the City front runners capitalised on some poor back-passing by the pressured Hakoah defenders. Gradually the message began to sink in and by half-time it was noticeable that the Sydney team was "lifting" its passes over the watery patches while City persisted in running with the ball and henceforth into trouble in these same

## Easts Hakoah

3 (1)

**HAKOAH:** Clarke 3, Mullen 3, Thomson 4, O'Connor 4 (Kershaw: 75m), Mowbray 3, Stevenson 5, Watson 4, Barnes 5, Campbell 3, B. Smith 5, Silva 4 (T. Smith: 83m).

patches. For Hakoah Stevenson and Barnes were tremendous in mid-field, always mobile, always threatening and the last five minutes showed what it could have been like when the elegant Smith came on and Campbell moved to the wing. Bobby Smith, sent on to mark Echeverria out of the game, did so, and soon found time to divert his excess energy into starting attacks. On the day Brisbane City had no one to compare with these three, although Caldwell, sent in at the deep end to play right back did all that was asked of him and did a good job on Silva. For Dennis Ford it's back to the drawing board, for Gerry Chaldi hopes that the champs are on the way back as their play kept on improving over the 90 minutes.

— J. BINNIE

## Marconi

1 (1)

**MARCONI:** Maher 4, Jones 4, Degney 3, Russell 4, Prskalo 3, Byrne 4, Vieri 4, Rooney 4, Mariani 3 (Richards: 46m, 4), Sharpe 3, Jankovics 4.

**Goals:** 0-1 J. Nyskohus (41m), 1-1 Byrne pen (45m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 6608. **Caution:** Melta.

This clash between two entirely separate styles saw a fair 1-1 result. Marconi created many more chances largely thanks to the work of Roberto Vieri, and Adelaide City were far more composed with their well-executed, patient build-ups. Marconi obviously were set to field an unchanged side following their string of victories, but Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft foxed well in the pre-match build-up before producing John Perin in the opening team. It took a near miracle save by Allan Maher to touch Perin's 19th minute drive around the posts in what was, the shot of the match. In the second half when Agenor Nyskohus replaced Zoran Matic, Perin played deep in defence and did not miss a beat. The Adelaide team never shirked knocking the ball back or crossfield with a

## Adelaide City

1 (1)

**ADELAIDE CITY:** Marshall 4, Yung 4, B. Nyskohus 3, Matic 4 (Muniz: 46m, 4), Lister 4, Perin 4, Marocchi 4, Rigby 3, Melta 3 (Dance: 67m), Northcote 4, J. Nyskohus 4.

precision that was a delight to behold. Kreft had Brian Northcote marking Vieri although he was allowed some latitude to link up with the attack. Vieri was a danger whenever he created space, although he did waste some effort with his tendency to remonstrate too often. The first goal saw John Nyskohus nip in and slot the ball into Marconi's net in the 41st minute after Bert Mariani had made a hash of his backpass. In first half injury time Matic pulled Mariani back in the box and Gary Byrne drove in the penalty. Byrne gave a great display, especially in the first half, and exactly the same should be said of Adelaide's Gary Marocchi. Jankovics tried to pull the game out of the fire for Marconi towards the end, but his team required too much from him on the day.

— K. GILMOUR

## West Adelaide

3 (0)

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Crook 4, Bazanic 4, Reynolds 4, McGachey 5, Kampas 4, Boyle 5, Zervas 3, Norris 3 (Carruthers: 45m, 3), Honeyman 4, McGregor 4.

**Goals:** 1-0 Jones (52m), 2-0 McGregor (61m), 3-0 Boyle (87m). **Referee:** D. Campbell. **Crowd:** 4,876. **Cautions:** Nil.

The misfortunes of two harrowing defeats, an inglorious draw and a lucky win were cast aside as the real West Adelaide stood up to be counted last Sunday. Westad were nothing short of brilliant as they methodically tore Brisbane Lions apart. Aggression, skill and inspired team play were all in evidence from the kick-off as Westad moved to prove that they could win at home. Lions responded to the challenge to produce the best game seen in the Festival City this season. Peter Boyle was Westad's motivating fireball. The former captain kept the mid-field buzzing with his energetic moves and unerringly accurate passes. West's Greek international Con Kampas was cool and creative while skipper Neil McGachey was a model of consistency. Despite their dominance Westad could not break the solid Lions defence until the seventh minute of the second half when David

## Brisbane Lions

0

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Lawnds 4, Potter 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Neale 4, Spearritt 3 (Amos: 74m), Lawrie 3, Ogden 3 (Laslo: 65m), Hughes 4, Morris 4.

Jones climbed high to nod in a high lob from ex-Derby County striker Eric Carruthers who had been left on the reserves bench until after the interval. The goal proved that Lions twin-stoppers, Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett were not impregnable. Hermiston and Bennett certainly looked like twins with their similar build and style and but for their clever positioning and the card-sharp reflexes of goalkeeper Nigel Lawnds, Lions would have suffered a humiliating defeat. Westad's second goal was a gem. McGachey pushed a right wing corner back to McGregor who flashed a superb 25-metre drive into the roof of the net. Westad's third goal demonstrated the great freekick artistry of Kampas who thundered a 30-metre shot goalwards which Lawnds stopped but could not hold and opportunist Boyle raced in to shove the rebound home.

— A. CRISP

## Canberra City

2 (0)

**CANBERRA:** Tilsed 4, Moulis 3, Stark 4, Brown 3, Milovanovic 3, Hogg 2 (Davies: 46m, 3), Henderson 4, Cant 2, Heywood 4, Byrne 4, Stoddart 3.

**Goals:** 0-1 Mason (33m), 0-2 Drinkwater (38m), 2-2 Stoddart (73m). **Referee:** D. Miles (Qld.) **Crowd:** 3,418. **Caution:** Byrne.

Neither the wet, wintry weather nor the dropping of top goal scorer Ivan Guicic, could explain the quite dismal first half performance of the local side. Newcastle were given the time and space to virtually do what they liked. Invariably, Canberra City players were either easily dispossessed or guilty of some atrocious passing. If it hadn't been for some good goalkeeping by Tilsed, the visitors might well have been more than two goals up at half time. The first goal came in the 33rd minute when Mason evaded Moulis to hit in a low, angled 15-metre drive. Five minutes later the game seemed all over when Drinkwater, unmarked in the middle, hit a short range shot past Tilsed, on the turn. Down 2-0 at half-time, no one in the ground would have believed that Canberra would look like winning less than half an hour later. Despite some delightful

dribbling and slide tackling by Boden, the second half belonged to a miraculously rejuvenated City. In the 67th minute — a bad mistake, Mason backpassed from an almost identical position to that of Roy Drinkwater's own goal the week before. The ball stopped way short of its target, was picked up by Byrne, who beat the stranded Dando calmly dribbled inside, and slotted it past an advancing defender. Six minutes later Stoddart volleyed in a Heywood cross. In the closing minutes Henderson hit the side net, and Cant had a header palmed wide by Dando. There is no doubt that Canberra finished well on top and could have won both points with their grandstand finish. What was hard to fathom was why did it take them one half and a presumably tough dressing down by coach John Warren to come to life later in the game?

— C. KUNZ

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## PHILIPS LEAGUE RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah		9/4	2-1	16/4	23/7	20/8	6/8	25/6	1-3	2/7	30/4	28/5	14/5	11/6
Marconi	9/7		4-0	1-1	16/4	14/5	30/4	18/6	11/6	3-2	26/7	20/8	6/8	28/5
Fitzroy	18/6	4/6		21/5	0-3	23/7	9/4	27/8	14/5	1-0	2/7	30/4	16/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	2/7	20/8		30/4	1-0	28/5	0-1	6/8	18/6	14/5	9/4	4/6	23/4
West. Sub.	23/4	16/7	25/6	30/7		28/5	14/5	0-0	2-2	9/4	6/8	11/6	20/8	1-1
St. George	21/5	13/8	23/4	25/6	27/8		4/6	30/7	16/7	7/5	0-2	2/7	2-1	9/4
West Adel.	7/5	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	1-4		16/4	3-0	20/8	21/5	0-1	11/6	25/6
Footscray	1-1	0-2	28/5	11/6	2/7	30/4	16/7		20/8	4/6	9/4	6/8	23/7	14/5
Br. Lions	4/6	0-3	13/8	7/5	18/6	16/4	2/7	21/5		27/8	1-1	23/7	9/4	30/7
Br. City	0-3	25/6	11/6	2-1	9/7	6/8	23/4	3-0	28/5		16/7	14/5	30/4	20/8
South Melb.	30/7	23/4	1-1	13/8	7/5	11/6	20/8	9/7	25/6	16/4		1-1	28/5	3-0
Olympic	27/8	21/5	30/7	9/7	0-1	2-0	18/6	7/5	23/4	13/8	4/6		1-2	16/7
Canberra	13/8	7/5	16/4	2-2	21/5	18/6	1-1	23/4	9/7	30/7	27/8	25/6		2-2
Newcastle	1-4	27/8	7/5	23/7	4/6	9/7	0-1	13/8	30/4	21/5	18/6	16/4	2/7	

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI.....	5	4	1	—	13	3	9	3	2	1	—	8	3	5	2	2	—	—	5	—	4
2 (4) HAKOAH.....	5	3	1	1	11	6	7	2	1	—	1	3	4	2	3	2	1	—	8	2	5
3 (2) SOUTH MELBOURNE...	5	2	3	—	8	3	7	3	1	2	—	5	2	4	2	1	1	—	3	1	3
4 (3) WESTERN SUBURBS...	5	2	3	—	7	3	7	3	—	3	—	3	3	3	2	2	2	—	4	—	4
5 (10) OLYMPIC.....	5	2	1	2	5	4	5	3	1	—	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	—	2	1	3
6 (7) CANBERRA.....	5	1	3	1	8	8	5	3	—	3	—	5	5	3	2	2	1	—	1	3	2
7 (11) WEST ADELAIDE.....	5	2	1	2	6	6	5	3	1	—	2	4	5	2	2	1	1	—	2	1	3
8 (5) BRISBANE CITY.....	5	2	—	3	7	8	4	3	2	—	1	5	4	4	2	—	—	2	2	4	—
9 (6) ST. GEORGE.....	5	2	—	3	6	7	4	2	1	—	1	2	3	2	3	1	—	2	4	4	2
10 (9) ADELAIDE CITY.....	5	1	2	2	5	6	4	2	1	—	1	1	1	2	3	—	2	1	4	5	2
11 (8) BRISBANE LIONS.....	5	1	2	2	6	10	4	2	—	1	1	1	4	1	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
12 (12) FOOTSCRAY.....	5	1	2	2	2	6	4	2	—	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
13 (13) FITZROY.....	5	1	1	3	3	10	3	2	1	—	1	1	3	2	3	—	1	2	2	7	1
14 (14) NEWCASTLE.....	5	—	2	3	4	11	2	2	—	—	2	1	5	—	3	—	2	1	3	6	2





## SYDNEY

Ray Richards' return came in the second half for Marconi against Adelaide City and the veteran hardly missed a beat as he settled down to business. He took over a midfield role, linked well, and his throw-in soon had pressure on the South Australians.

Last Sunday it was proved that Arlington Oval is unsuitable for PSL matches: on one side the playing area is separated by a rope from the spectators. One hates to think what could happen if the crowd ever got into a filthy mood. And while on the subject of Olympic: their match program, apart from a few paragraphs, is all in Greek. That much for the "non-ethnic image."

St. George's Paraguayan player Isidore Acosta is due to arrive on Sunday — none too soon, judging by the team's performances.

The Coca-Cola Youth League (PSL reserves) got off to a poor start last weekend: two matches only were played, one was cancelled because of the rain and another because Marconi refused to let the match go on in case the field is churned up. Organisers of the league will see John Frank this week for "preventive talks", having visions of yet another year of continuous botch concerning the reserve sides.

Jim Fraser, former World Cup goalkeeper and now on the staff at Marconi, stepped in as reserve goalkeeper to Allan Maher last week. Reason was that Fabio, Fabrianesi, who rarely gets a game as understudy to Allan Maher, is on loan to Inter Monaro for a month whilst Laurie Palec is recovering from an injury.

It is often a very disappointing business to be in the first team squad and on the verge of selection but not making the side often enough. This has been the fate of Easts Hakoah's Alan Kershaw at times but the challenge is always accepted by him and he throws more effort into obtaining a place. Coach Gerry Chaldi is convinced that Kershaw has now hit a purple patch so he could be making some regular appearances.

Sydney coach Tom Anderson seems to have taken over Rale Rasic's mantle of turning players approaching the veteran stage into top class performers at very reasonable cost to the club. Alan Ainslie, discarded by Wests, is a case in point, as Ainslie is giving 100% plus and using his perfect corners to advantage. Now Jimmy Herron, the Irishman formerly with Sutherland and St. George is on the scene, so he now has the task of proving that he has his old mastery for turning on the key passes and scoring goals.

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



### THIS WEEK

#### Saturday, April 8

Fitzroy v West Adel. Middle Park, 3 p.m.  
Bris. Lions v Canberra Perry Park, 8.15 p.m.  
Footscray v Sth. Melb. Olympic Pk., 3 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 9

St. George v Newcastle Barton Park, 3 p.m.  
Easts Hak. v Marconi Wentworth, 3 p.m.  
West. Sub. v Bris. City Dural, 3 p.m.  
Adel. City v Olympic Hindmarsh, 2.30 p.m.  
Footscray v Sth. Melb. Schinkler, 3 p.m.

### NEXT WEEK

#### Saturday, April 15

Newcastle v Olympic Sports Centre, 2.30 p.m.  
Canberra v Fitzroy Bruce Stadium, 2.45 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 16

Marconi v Wests Marconi, 3 p.m.  
West Adelaide v Footscray Hindmarsh, 2.30 p.m.  
Easts Hakoah v Adel. City Wentworth Pk., 3 p.m.  
Br. Lions v St. George Perry Pk., 3 p.m.  
South Melb. v Bris. City Middle Pk., 3 p.m.

# PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

## "Penalty specialists" meet in summit clash

— By Andrew Dettre —

The clash of the giants — this is how Sunday's clash between Hakoah and Marconi can be described.

And if even this match doesn't mobilise Hakoah's home support, they might as well play all their home matches in Melbourne.

The two Sydney cracks are continuing their duel left over from last year and even at this early stage it seems likely that they will finish at the top — but in what order?

Marconi have been close to a defeat for the past two weeks now, twice saved by controversial penalties.

But Hakoah cannot complain, either as they, too, had their share of face-saving spotkicks.

There is little doubt that while Hakoah's form is on the mend, Marconi seem to have lost some of their touch.

Also in Sydney, St. George, slipping towards the bottom, play hosts to Newcastle United.

The Saints have numerous problems: their defence in its present formation is suspect and their attack relies strongly on the dazzling speed of Hensman.

They really need two defenders and at least one striker to reach respectable status — how well they could do with a Williams and a Jankovics.

Newcastle are getting close to a win; it was only their lapses in concentration that cost them a point in Canberra.

Western Suburbs will be at home again, this time to Brisbane City, annihilated last week by Hakoah.

Wests' defensive record is one of the best in the PSL — but they have yet to win a home match at Dural this year.

Brisbane City, on the other hand, are poor travellers and so far have failed to collect a single point at the end of their excursions.

Brisbane Lions will be at home to Canberra City and this could be a highly entertaining, close match.

Lions were mauled in Adelaide last week, while Canberra seem to be specialising on home draws.

Adelaide City, now seemingly recovered from their slump, will start favorites at home against Olympic.

Adelaide City's skilled, talented side has the punch to pierce the tight Olympic defence but they should do well to remember that Olympic have yet to lose a match away from home.

Two games are set down for Melbourne: Footscray will meet South Melbourne and Fitzroy will clash with West Adelaide.

In both games, the visitors appear to have the better chance.



It was a mixture of combat and ballet in this goalmouth incident taken during last week's match at Bossley Park.



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DIV. 1, GRADE 1										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Monaro	2	1	—	5	2	5				
Croatia	2	—	—	6	1	4				
Melita	2	—	—	3	1	4				
APIA	1	1	—	5	2	3				
Auburn	1	—	1	6	4	2				
Avala	1	—	1	3	1	2				
Yugal	1	—	5	5	2	—				
Toongabbie	—	2	—	1	1	2				
Mv. Olympic	—	2	—	—	—	—				
Manly	—	1	2	2	5	2				
Arncliffe	—	1	1	—	1	1				
Sutherland	—	1	1	1	2	1				
Granville	—	—	2	2	7	—				
Bankstown	—	—	2	1	8	—				
DIV. 1, GRADE 2										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Manly	2	1	—	5	—	5				
Auburn	2	—	—	12	2	4				
Sutherland	2	—	—	12	2	4				
Granville	2	—	—	6	2	4				
Croatia	1	1	—	3	1	3				
Melita	1	—	1	5	4	2				
Avala	1	—	1	6	6	2				
Mv. Olympic	—	2	—	4	4	2				
Arncliffe	—	2	—	1	1	2				
APIA	—	1	1	1	3	1				
Toongabbie	—	1	1	4	8	1				
Bankstown	—	—	2	4	8	—				
Monaro	—	—	3	2	12	—				
Yugal	—	—	2	—	12	—				
DIV. 1, GRADE 3										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Manly	2	—	—	4	1	4				
Melita	2	—	—	4	1	4				
Sutherland	1	—	—	2	—	2				
Avala	1	—	1	6	4	2				
Arncliffe	1	—	1	4	2	2				
Toongabbie	1	—	1	4	3	2				
Granville	1	—	1	2	1	2				
Bankstown	1	—	1	4	5	2				
Auburn	1	—	1	2	3	2				
Croatia	1	—	1	2	3	2				
APIA	—	—	2	1	3	—				
Yugal	—	—	2	2	5	—				
Mv. Olympic	—	—	2	1	7	—				
DIV. 2, GRADE 1										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Blacktown	2	—	1	13	2	4				
Ku-ring-gai	2	—	—	9	1	4				
Uni. of NSW	2	—	—	9	4	4				
Warringah Sts.	1	1	—	5	—	3				
Belmore	1	1	—	3	—	3				
Revesby	1	1	—	5	3	3				
Polonia	1	—	—	2	1	2				
Marrickville	—	1	2	1	1	1				
Glad.-Hornsby	—	1	1	1	4	—				
Guildford	—	—	2	7	—	—				
N.S. Inter	—	—	1	5	—	—				
Queens Park	—	—	2	2	13	—				
DIV. 2, GRADE 2										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Belmore	3	—	—	8	3	6				
Uni. of NSW	2	—	1	9	5	4				
Ku-ring-gai	1	—	—	3	1	2				
Polonia	1	—	1	6	5	2				
Marrickville	—	2	—	2	2	2				
Blacktown	—	1	—	1	1	1				
Revesby Wrks.	—	1	—	1	1	1				
N.S. Inter	—	—	1	—	—	—				
Warringah Sts.	—	1	—	—	—	—				
Queens Park	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Guildford	—	—	1	—	—	—				
N.S. Inter	—	—	1	—	—	—				
Polonia	—	—	2	1	7	—				
Marrickville	—	—	2	—	7	—				
DIV. 2, GRADE 3										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Warringah Sts.	2	—	—	7	1	4				
Belmore	2	—	1	8	2	4				
Revesby Wrks.	1	—	—	6	—	2				
Ku-ring-gai	1	—	—	3	—	2				
Glad.-Hornsby	1	—	—	2	—	2				
Blacktown	1	—	—	1	—	2				
Uni. of NSW	1	—	2	3	6	2				
Queens Park	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Guildford	—	—	2	1	5	—				
N.S. Inter	—	—	1	1	5	—				
Polonia	—	—	2	1	7	—				
Marrickville	—	—	2	—	7	—				
DIV. 3, GRADE 1										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Dee Why	1	—	—	4	—	2				
Yagoona	1	—	—	2	—	2				
West Ryde	1	—	—	2	1	2				
Bathurst	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Bondi	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Glad. Rav.	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Lethbridge	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Nepean	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Pt. Hacking	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Riverstone	—	—	1	1	2	—				
Lane Cove	—	—	1	—	2	—				
Wenty War.	—	—	1	—	4	—				
DIV. 3, GRADE 2										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Dee Why	1	—	—	4	—	2				
West Ryde	1	—	—	5	2	2				
Lane Cove	1	—	—	2	1	2				
Bathurst	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Bondi	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Glad. Rav.	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Lethbridge	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Nepean	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Pt. Hacking	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Riverstone	—	—	1	2	5	—				
Yagoona	—	—	1	1	2	—				
Wenty War.	—	—	1	—	4	—				

## CHURCHES

The aftermath of cricket ace, Jeff Thomson's reinstatement to soccer five years after receiving a life suspension in the Protestant Churches Association continues.

Thanks to Queensland's intervention and the NSW Churches not being affiliated to the appropriate bodies in Australia, Thomson was able to gain re-registration without fronting up to the suspending body.

The Protestant Churches As-

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sociation is believed to be claiming affiliation to FIFA through the Scottish Churches FA — surely a circuitous proposition at best.

The appropriate bodies are the Australian Churches, Sydney Amateurs, NSW Federation and the Australian Federation.

Had the NSW Churches been affiliated they would have been in a position to insist on the player appearing before themselves or other affiliated bodies.

## DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wenty War.	1	—	—	4	1	2
Lane Cove	—	—	—	1	1	1
Riverstone	—	—	—	1	1	1
West Ryde	—	—	—	1	1	1
Yagoona	—	—	—	1	1	1
Bathurst	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bondi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glad. Rav.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lethbridge	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nepean	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pt. Hacking	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dee Why	—	—	—	1	4	1

## DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sydney Uni.	1	—	—	3	—	2
Padstow	1	—	—	4	2	2
Greenwich	1	—	—	3	2	2
Baulkham H.	—	—	1	2	2	1
Campb'town	—	—	1	2	2	1
Ashcroft	—	—	1	2	2	1
Fairfield	—	—	1	2	2	1
Hurstville	—	—	1	2	2	1
Ryde	—	—	1	2	2	1
Artarmon	—	—	1	2	3	—
Holroyd	—	—	1	2	4	—
Nth. B'town	—	—	1	—	3	—

## DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Artarmon	1	—	—	6	2	2
Campb'town	1	—	—	4	—	2
Hurstville	1	—	—	4	1	2
Padstow	1	—	—	4	1	2
Nth. B'town	1	—	—	3	1	2
Ashcroft	—	—	1	3	3	1
Baulkham H.	—	—	1	3	3	1
Greenwich	—	—	1	2	6	—
Sydney Uni.	—	—	1	1	3	—
Fairfield	—	—	1	1	4	—
Holroyd	—	—	1	1	4	—
Ryde	—	—	1	—	4	—

## DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	1	—	—	5	1	2
Maroubra	1	—	—	4	1	2
Revesby Rov.	1	—	—	2	—	2
Chelsea	1	—	—	3	2	1
Kingsford	—	—	1	2	2	1
Paddington	—	—	1	2	2	1
Belfield	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haberfield	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastwood	—	—	—	—	—	—
Auburn Jrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Rocks	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Ryde	—	—	—	—	—	—

## DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	1	—	—	6	1	2
Auburn Jrs.	1	—	—	4	1	2
North Rocks	1	—	—	3	1	2
Paddington	1	—	—	2	1	2
Eastwood	1	—	—	1	—	2
Belfield	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haberfield	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingsford	—	—	1	1	2	—
Chelsea	—	—	1	—	1	—
Maroubra	—	—	1	1	3	—
Revesby Rov.	—	—	1	1	4	—
North Ryde	—	—	1	—	6	—

## DIV. 6, GRADE 1

Fairfield W.	1	—	—	5	—	2
Camden	—	1	—	3	3	1
Canby Hgts	—	1	—	—	—	1
Concordia	—	1	—	—	—	1
Hawkesbury	—	1	—	1	1	1
Macq. Uni.	—	1	—	1	1	1
St. George	—	1	—	3	3	1
East. Creek	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pagewood	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prospect	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. Hoiroyd	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. H. H.	—	—	—	—	5	—



## STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

### CROATIA v BANKSTOWN

5-1 (2-1)

A great hat-trick that included two unstoppable penalties capped a great start for the season by Croatia. They dominated early but it took a shock 34th minute goal by Bankstown's Chris Pack to motivate them into scoring. Bankstown's glory was shortlived as Maurice Sullivan scored a soft goal through keeper Luford's legs five minutes later. Abonyi scored next from a Hanratty pass in the 42nd minute. Croatia were right on top then, Abonyi scoring from the spot after Cootes was brought down. John Russell netted from Cootes' pass, and then

Abonyi collected another from the spot.  
**CROATIA:** Watson 4, R. Russell 4, Cagalji 4, Basic 3 (J. Russell: 10m, 4), Smith 4, Cootes 4, Mullen 4, Coleman 4, Abonyi 5, Hanratty 4, Sullivan 4.  
**BANKSTOWN:** Luford 2, Thompson 3, Brookes 3, Morrison 3, Usher 2, Lembrink 3, Rootsey 3, Kent 3, Daley 3, Peck 4, Ingle 3.  
**Goals:** 0-1 Peck (34m), 1-1 Sullivan (39m), 2-1 Abonyi (42m), 3-1 Abonyi pen (65m), 4-1 J. Russell (73m), 5-1 Abonyi pen (85m). **Crowd:** 3567.  
— DAVE MURTON

### AVALA v BANKSTOWN 3 (2) 0 (0)

Lack of exposure during the Ampol Cup period was Bankstown's biggest enemy. They created many chances but they went begging. Avala gained control throughout although they were forced to work hard. Once again they fielded a well organised defence thanks to the good work put in by Alec Gray and Mark Barton, and Gerry Doran provided plenty of thrust when the moved ahead. Neil Williams, signed from the former Wollongong City club after a few bids elsewhere, showed he could reach star billing when he settled in and gathers confidence. His control improved considerably as the match went on. After a penalty by Deller,

Doran came with a goal and Eddie Patterson wrapped it up with another in the 68th minute.  
**AVALA:** Ahrens 3, Krejza 3, S. Deller 3, Gray 4, Barton 4, Doran 4, Patterson 3 (Jancek: 74m, 3), Milovanovic 2, P. Deller 3, Beater 3 (Morrow: 46m), Griffiths 3.  
**BANKSTOWN:** Luford 3, Thompson 4, Usher 3 (Rootsey: 46m), Morrison 3, Brooks 3, Lembrink 3, Kent 3, Williams 4, Daley 3, Peck 3 (Harvey: 78m), Ingle 3.  
**Goals:** 1-0 Deller pen (37m), 2-0 Doran (44m), 3-0 Patterson (68m). **Referee:** K. Small. **Crowd:** 200.  
— ANDY HENDERSON

### MV. OLYMPIC v TOONGABBIE 0 (0) 0 (0)

Marrickville Olympic were within a touch of winning, but a lightning header from Mike Nezeritis hit the post and bounced out in the 75th minute. Mike Kable, as lion-hearted as he is small, played a great hand for Olympic also. Too often the play was extremely tight in defence, and defenders blotted out forwards as soon as they received the ball. Larry Armitage was ready for anything in the first half for Toongabbie, but he lacked support at the important moments. Norm Penman played well, and he seemed to have all the time in

the world to plan his clearances. A brilliant second half by Carlos Ortega brought Gabbie into play but he could not break through.  
**MARRICKVILLE:** El Zein 4, Balafas 4, Sheldrick 3, Karaspyros 3, Penman 4, Kable 5, Zeros 3, Thompson 3, Brown 3, Katholas 3 (Bosegnas: 62m), (Paraskeyas: 72m), Nezeritis 4.  
**TOONGABBIE:** Warren 3, Pena 4, Gerio 3, Oldham 3, Parkhouse 4, Taylor 3 (Hormazabal: 46m), Thomas 3, Pollard 3, Izatt 3, Ortega 5, Armitage 3.  
— EINAR PERSEN

### SUTHERLAND v MONARO 0 (0) 1 (1)

Sutherland never overcome the shock of being a goal down after just six minutes and allowed Monaro to take the game right up to them. Monaro created many chances and it was amazing that they could not put more away. A highlight of the game was the display of the two custodians. Mal Haynes saved a penalty in the 40th minute for Sutherland. At the other end on-loan man from Marconi Fabio Fabrianesi managed a few early fumbles but from then on he was at his unbeatable best. Craig Hall was far from best form, but Alan Burke put

in a lot of well-directed effort in playing for Monaro against his old club.  
**SUTHERLAND:** Haynes 4, Hesford 2, Wykes 3, Schumann 2, Dai Forno 2, Basterfield 3, Beggs 3, Smith 2, C. Hall 2 (Walker: 46m), Lavin 2, Hammer 2 (Watkins: 75m).  
**MONARO:** Fabrianesi 4, O'Maye 3, Paoli 2, Cumming 3, Crawford 2, Forwood 2 (Santolin: 75m), Lawler 2, Morsello 3, Giampaoli 3 (M. Valeri: 88m), W. Valeri 2, Burke 3.  
**Goal:** 0-1 W. Valeri (6m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 674.  
— ROGER DEWICK

### MANLY v YUGAL 0 (0) 3 (3)

This game only reached an entertaining level for a spell of 10 minutes in the first half. Yugal scored first in the 22nd minute when a long floating through ball from Jack Trkulja caused confusion in the Manly defence and it carried through unchallenged into the back of the net. Three minutes later Miro Piper beat the defence and slipped a well-judged pass through for Peter Rhodas to push it past Chris Cassettari in the Manly goal. Yet another defensive error and Piper was through for the third goal. Piper was certainly the best man afield. The second half was dismal with Yugal content to play out time and

Manly unable to string their passes together.

**MANLY:** Cassettari 3, Jones 3 (Gustling: 55m, 4), Doyle 3, Dick 3, Stocks 3, Geoghegan 3, Roozendaal 4, Geeke 3, Toland 2 (Nawalu: 46m, 3), Harpur 3, Kay 3.  
**YUGAL:** Mandrides 3, Nitya 4, Trkulja 3, Prgomelia 3, Zacicic 3, Cuk 3, Radovic 2, Milovic 3, Piper 4 (Djordjevic: 75m, 3), Stamenkovic 3, Rodas 4.  
**Goals:** 0-1 Trkulja (22m), 0-2 Rhodas (25m), 0-3 Piper (30m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 611.  
— JOHN MURTON

### GRANVILLE v APIA 1 (1) 4 (2)

Terry Butler looked the part in scoring two of the APIA goals, the first coming from a breakthrough along the right in the 25th minute and the second three minutes from the end. It was, however, Horatio Ruiz who produced the sensation — his goal came within 30 seconds of the kick-off. Granville were in the game with an 11th minute equaliser from Bruce Waldron but all in the young Granville team found APIA's experience too much. APIA's other goal came seven minutes after the interval from evergreen John Doyle, the replacement for the injured Bobby Fryer, a

goal that came from close in against the busy young Granville goalie, Barry Hoare.  
**GRANVILLE:** Hoare 4, Selfridge 4, Biglands 2, Lackey 3, Sands 3, Milne 2 (Scamperle: 55m), Slater 4, Barker 2, Johns 2, Fraser 2, Waldron 3.  
**APIA:** McQuire 3 (Evans: 50m, 3), Jackson 2, McMillan 4, Miller 4, Walker 2, Lindsay 4, Porter 3, Ruiz 4, Butler 4, Fryer 3 (Doyle: 22m, 4), Griffiths 3.  
**Goals:** 0-1 Ruiz (1m), 1-1 Waldron (11m), 1-2 Butler (25m), 1-3 Doyle (52m), 1-4 Butler (87m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 452.  
— GEORGE STREETER

### ARNCLIFFE v CROATIA 0 (0) 1 (1)

Croatia's superior skills proved too much for the Scots, who nevertheless dominated the second half when the strain of two matches in three days showed on the Croatian players. Croatia's reward came quickly as in the 12th minute a fierce shot from the edge of the box by Kevin Coleman proved too hard for Bruce Cuneo to hold and Bill Savor knocked the ball home. Croatia were now in high gear and both Mike Hanratty and Atti Abonyi went close. Arncliffe came back for a possible equaliser, the closest occasion being when Dave

Baker headed Grant Henwood's cross on to the post.  
**ARNCLIFFE:** Cuneo 4, Butler 2, Walsh 3 (Blacktown: 55m, 4), Smart 4, Warner 3, Cochrem 3, Baker 4, Bankhead 4, Muscovits 3, Harrington 3, Henwood 4 (O'Meara: 84m).  
**CROATIA:** Watson 3, J. Russell 3, Cagalji 4, P. Mullen 4, G. Smith 3, Savor 4, Coleman 4, Stone 4, Abonyi 4, Hanratty 4 (Leydon: 68m), Sullivan 4.  
**Goal:** 0-1 Savoy (12m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 1160.  
— DAVE MURTON

# CROATIA SHOULD KEEP THEIR INTACT RECORD

— By Keith Gilmour —

## Toongabbie skipper Bob Oldham could play a decisive role in Saturday's Girraween clash with hard-running Arncliffe Scots.

Oldham, 26, played in England's Athenian League and was snapped up by the club after playing for some time in Sydney amateur football.

The Demons believe that Oldham is their "Tony Book", likening him to the manner in which the unknown Book came through from obscurity to captain and manage the clever Manchester City side.

Also on the Saturday program is the Melita-Manly clash at Garside Park, which should pull the biggest Saturday State League crowd to date.

And, as a turn-up, newcomers Monaro are the outright leaders.

### TOONGABBIE v ARNCLIFFE

Toongabbie, prompted by the talents of Carlos Ortega in great form and the other South Americans Hector Gerlo, Eduardo Pena and Ric Hormazabal, will be hard put to win against the hard-running, superfit Scots from Arncliffe.

One might expect the additional skills to come out on top. Well they may, but not for sure as Arncliffe have a remarkable capacity to keep moving.

The scoring scales could tip in Arncliffe's favor as Dave Baker is certain to start popping them in for Arncliffe, and Toongabbie have yet to prove that they can score consistently in this year's higher grade.

### MELITA v MANLY

Melita's match-winning performance against Auburn last week was largely due to substitute George Butler, who is unlikely to play in view of his return to the UK next week.

Whilst this to Manly's advantage, they were in the doldrums against Yugal and would have to make a complete change in their outlook to become a real threat.

Melita have to pick up points regularly if they are to realise their semi-final ambitions and they cannot afford to falter on this occasion.

They have enough firepower, through the likes of Ian McGovern, Joe Farrugia, Brian Parker and Nelson Brizuela, and should be able to satisfy their avid fans once again.

### YUGAL v GRANVILLE

Concord Oval, so well situated on Parramatta Road and fairly handy to Burwood and other points, will provide a fine

backdrop for a clash that could see one or the other contestant rising from obscurity.

The game is hardly likely to produce the connoisseur's taste in football, but it should be highly competitive.

Tony Schwarz has reason to be pleased with the clearcut win over Manly, and Yugal have that typical style that could worry Granville just as they tantalised Manly.

The winner is hard to predict but Yugal could come home if only because they will want to prove that last week's result was just not a flash in the pan.



W. Valeri, of Monaro.

### APIA v SUTHERLAND

The question of whether APIA are on the way back to challenge for State League honors will partly be answered against Sutherland, who hit rock bottom against Monaro last week.

Perhaps APIA coach Danny McKinnon will set Terry Butler a quota of two goals a game now that he has shown what we all knew he can do!

APIA are playing unevenly in defence whilst Bob McGinn is injured; the midfield is sound now, and the attack is improving.

There is no real reason why Sutherland should slip after proving themselves in the Ampol Cup. If both sides hit their straps this could be an exciting match with APIA likely to clinch the points.

### MONARO v MARRICKVILLE

Apart from home ground advantage, Monaro look the more convincing in front of goal and that could provide the difference between the teams.

Olympic's active coach John Xipolitis is trying to motivate his

strikers, and the hope this week is that Ross Brown will break the drought and start scoring with regularity.

Monaro's management came to a good deal by using the Italian connection with Marconi to obtain goalkeeper Fabio Fabrianesi on loan whilst Laurie Palec remains injured.

There is little change likely in the Marrickville team that drew with Gabbie last week, but the signs are that the Queanbeyan boys will be able to crack in a couple of goals to make the difference.

### BANKSTOWN v AUBURN

Whether Bankstown have picked up to the stage that they can overturn Auburn is doubtful in spite of the fortuitous signing of Neil Williams from Wollongong City.

The Towns were unlucky to have to face Croatia in their first game before a partisan crowd as they had not participated in the build-up of the Ampol Cup.

Against Avala on Saturday they became more creative even allowing that they could not find the net.

Auburn have yet to produce their usually uncompromising defence. This gives Bankstown the chance to come into the picture, although a strong game again from Kevin Dobson and the improving form of Bruno Vidaic will go in Auburn's favor.

### CROATIA v AVALA

Avala did well enough last week to show that they will test their keen rivals in Sunday's big clash at Sydney Sports Ground.

Croatia's successful coach Luke Fabrianesi is using English gain Mike Hanratty, all 188 cm of him, to give the attack a balance of beef and brains and he combines skills with World Cup player Atti Abonyi and the resourceful Frenchman, Maurice Sullivan.

These men will indeed require a well-placed supply of the ball from the back and midfield if they are to pierce the strong Avala defence, so ably controlled by Alec Gray, Mark Barton and Gerry Doran.

This game promises to be the best of the weekend, but for Avala to even obtain a draw they will need a superb showing from both midfield and strikers.

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## BANKSTOWN SCORE SCOOP

Bankstown, after barely surviving 1977 in First Division, have snapped up much-coveted Neil Williams, the outstanding prospect from Wollongong.

Williams demonstrated that their gain is an outstanding one with a superior performance against Avala last Saturday.

Now 19, he was a Welsh product from Merthyr Tydfil, of whom the Welsh FA wrote that "his potential has not even been tapped".

Williams has played for both Wales and South Africa as a schoolboy international.

Before he left Wales, Bolton Wanderers, expert at raising talent, were on his doorstep three times, and he had offers from Wolves, Cardiff and Coventry as well.

He migrated with his parents to Australia, and is now at Wollongong University College.

This year he had offers from Illawarra Premier League club Fairymead and Auburn before settling in at Bankstown.

Somehow he escaped the attention of the PSL clubs.

Williams represents another chapter in the great Wollongong brain drain saga.

We now know that Newcastle were the sleeping giants of Australian soccer, yet that they have the potential to outdraw any club in the land.

How long will Wollongong be allowed to slumber?

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# WORLD NEWS



The two Mullers are staging a giant battle for the honor of being West Germany's top scorer: Gerd (Bayern) and Dieter (Köln) are both on 23 goals — well ahead of Klaus Fischer (Schalke), on 18. But the laughing third Muller may be Hansi, 22, the brilliant young star of Stuttgart who seems certain to be included in West Germany's World Cup party which Gerd has again declined to join and Dieter may miss.

Former Hungarian and Ujpest star Laszlo Harsanyi, 27, has been placed on the transfer list by his present club, Westfalia Herne.

Greece lost 1-0 to Czechoslovakia in Athens. The last time Greece won an international was in 1977 — against the mighty USSR.

In the first leg of the Intercontinental Cup final, Boca Juniors of Argentina and Borussia Mönchengladbach of West Germany played a 2-2 draw in Buenos Aires. The Germans were without their two star strikers Simonsen and Heynckes, both injured. Gladbach, the 1977 European Champions' Cup runners-up were nominated for the clash after Liverpool, the winners, had declined.

Vitor Batista, the brilliant Benfica midfielder who was seen in Australia in 1974, was suspended by his club for feigning injury in a recent Euro-Cup match. Now Batista has decided to quit Benfica and join his former club, Vitoria Setubal.

## EURO CUPS

A last-minute goal by West German World Cup star Reiner Bonhof gave Borussia Mönchengladbach a 2-1 revenge victory over reigning European champions Liverpool in the first leg of the European Champions' Soccer Cup semi-final in Munich.

But the English club which downed the West Germans in last year's final, will still be favored to make the final when the second leg match is played in Liverpool next week.

In the other semi-final Juventus edged FC Bruges of Belgium 1-0 with a goal from Italy's World Cup striker, Roberto Bettega.

With a 70,000 Turin crowd getting more and more impatient with Juventus' inability to break down the Belgians' defence, Bettega popped up to squeeze in the winner four minutes from the end.

Borussia scored in the 28th minute when Wilfried Hannes set the 67,000 crowd roaring by 'stroking the ball home' after Liverpool failed to clear a corner kick.

The Germans held the advantage until two minutes from the end.

In the 89th minute, David Johnson, the Liverpool substitute, equalised when he slipped fullback Bert Vogts and stole in for a free header.

Almost as the Liverpool players were still congratulating themselves, Bonhof sent one of his bullet-like free kicks through the Liverpool defensive wall from 25 metres to notch the winner.

But with away goals counting double in the event of a draw, Liverpool could have the edge at their home ground.

They have conceded only nine goals in 21 matches this season and one goal will be enough to put them in the final on May 10 at Wembley.

In the Cup Winner's Cup, Anderlecht of Brussels, who have reached the final for the past two years, made almost certain of doing it again by downing Twente Enschede 1-0 in Holland with a 52nd-minute goal from Danish midfielder Nielsen.

In the other semi-final, Moscow Dynamo scored twice in the last six minutes to snatch a 2-1 win against Austria Vienna in Tbilisi.

### EUROPEAN CUP SEMI-FINALS

**FIRST LEG**  
**CHAMPIONS' CUP:** Borussia Mönchengladbach (W. Germany) 2 Liverpool (England) 1, Juventus (Italy) 1 FC Bruges (Belgium) 0.

**CUP WINNERS' CUP:** Dynamo Moscow (USSR) 2 Austria Vienna 1, Twente Enschede (Holland) 0 Anderlecht (Belgium) 1.

**UEFA CUP:** Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 3, Bastia (France) 2, PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 3 FC Barcelona (Spain) 0.

## LUBANSKI IS BACK

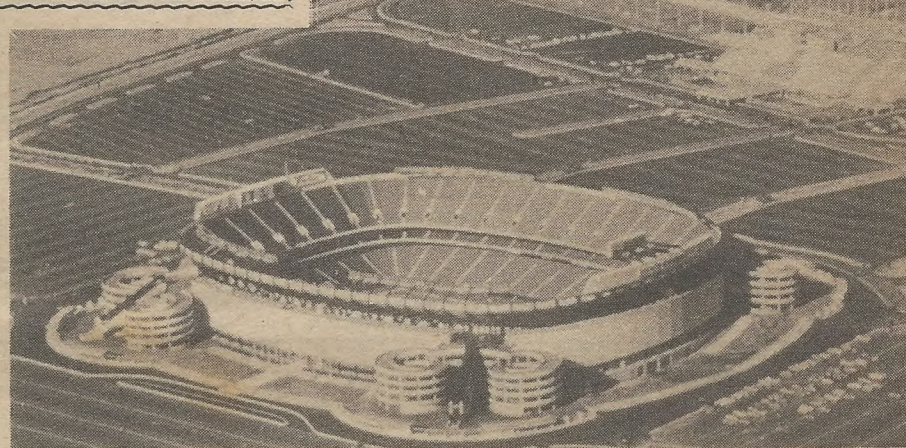
Poland's final World Cup preparations are now under way — but manager Jacek Gmoch's headaches are not over.

Top striker Szarmach and the big stopper Gorgon have had a series of injuries and had to miss a friendly against Luxembourg.

To make up for Szarmach's absence, Gmoch managed to recall the great Lubanski from his Belgian club, Lokeren.

Chances are that Lubanski will be included in the Polish World Cup squad, having missed the 1974 series because of a serious injury.

Gmoch has also added three new faces to his contingent: Szweczyk and Justek, both defenders and a young striker, Kwasniewski, from Odra Opole.



The Cosmos Stadium at Meadowlands, New Jersey, a few miles from New York across the river.

## SOCCER IN USA SHEDS POVERTY

Last year the Cosmos held spring training in East Rutherford, N.J., in the snow and the freezing rain of a Northeast winter.

The players brought their lunch; Werner Roth, captain of the team, always brought hero sandwiches. And the Cosmos' standard of living was higher than that of most soccer clubs.

The Rochester Lancers, long the North American Soccer League's poorest team, ate at McDonald's. Plain hamburgers, mind you; "cheese was extra," said a Lancer who counted his pennies.

This year, as the NASL approaches the big time, many teams are having their first real spring training in real warm-weather sites of the South and the Far West.

The Lancers, who paid nothing to join the league in 1970 and who are now said to be worth \$3 million, are on their way to three weeks in San Diego.

The Cosmos are in Miami. Roth is getting chauffeur service to their training site at Miami Dade South Community College, and he is eating sirloin steak.

Though the average salary of an NASL player, at \$19,000, is still far below the average in baseball (\$76,000), basketball (\$143,000), football (\$55,000) and hockey (\$96,000), the promise is of better days ahead — even with the retirement of Pele, whose presence for three years lent glamor to soccer in the United States.

"Now things have changed," Roth says. "Players are dedicated, because soccer is the job that puts bread on their tables."

"Two years ago I would've been drinking beer. Not now. Now I'm a professional soccer player, and I do not drink beer."

Two years ago as well, Roth was a member of the Cosmos. But he was only nominally in the world of the pros.

Soccer appears to have come a long way, even in a year. Creating a team used to be almost a moment-to-moment activity.

Last year, for example, the Lancers went to Giants Stadium for the Cosmos home opener with two players who had arrived from overseas just one day before.

The concept of a complete spring training — historically

the chatty, interest-building roots of the baseball season — is new to the NASL.

It is a step toward parity with the major sports. Both the Detroit Tigers and the Detroit Express will train in Lakeland, Fla.

Both the Toronto Blue Jays and Toronto Metros will train in Dunedin, Fla.

Phil Woosnam, the soccer league's commissioner, says: "Spring training is part of the gradual elevation of operations to major league standards."

Talk to the Cosmos' Giorgio Chinaglia, who as a soccer star in Italy was looked upon as something of a god and always traveled first class.

During a break between workouts, he is asked to compare European training camps with the two-week session the Cosmos are engaged in here.

He can find no differences. Which is to say he notes a great difference from last year, when he shivered in the cold at the Meadowlands.

"It was ridiculous last year," he says. "It was a joke. We could not train in the snow and cold weather. We later went to Bermuda, but to me it was more like to play games, not to train."

So, having done their training here, the Cosmos will make a return visit of a week and a half to Bermuda early next month and play three games against the Bermudian national team.

Chinaglia gets no argument from Terry Garbett, a veteran with the Cosmos.

"Our spring training last year was in the snow," Garbett says, "and some of our regular-season games were played in 110 degrees on the Astroturf."

Or from Gary Etherington a promising young forward who scored a goal in the Cosmos' 5-0 recent victory over Miami Dade North Community College, and who shortly there after gave an assessment:

"This is what I call a training camp for professionals."

The most telling barometer, of course, is attendance, and last season's per-game average reported by the NASL (about 13,600) is well below baseball's (18,400) and looks very poor when compared with pro football's (52,700).

In 17 playoff games last season, the NASL drew 501,858 fans. Compare that with pro football's 472,582 in only seven playoff games.

As the Cosmos go, so goes the league.

Buoyed by the flagship club's 50-per-cent jump in attendance last season, to about 34,000 a game, the NASL is expanding this year from 18 teams to 24 with new franchises in Philadelphia, Memphis, Detroit, Denver, Houston and Foxboro, Mass.

A shift of a franchise has put a team in Tulsa, Okla., that city's first major league club of any kind.

And the new franchises were not inexpensive: The entry fee for each club was \$1 million. It has been very few years since a couple of thousand dollars or nothing at all — bought entry into the NASL.

With one Brazilian gone, another steps forward to take a larger share of the spotlight that the Cosmos began to enjoy last year.

He is Carlos Alberto, who knows something about fame. He was the captain of the Brazilian national team of 1970, the year Pele and friends won the World Cup for the third time.

Alberto joined the Cosmos halfway through last season and brought cohesiveness to an unsteady, rather confused defense. He and Pele are close friends.

Soccer has recently acquired some notable backers. Elton John is part-owner of the Los Angeles Aztecs, and two other rock stars — Mick Jagger and Peter Frampton — are part-owners of the Philadelphia Fury, an expansion team.

Such is the drawing power of these names that one of the prime topics of conversation at the recent league meetings in Colorado Springs was what the halftime show might be when the two teams play each other June 3.

The Cosmos recently spent \$500,000 to sign Dennis Tueart, a British winger, to a three-year contract.

Two years ago Tueart would not have left Britain, because the level of U.S. pro soccer was inferior to play in England's leagues.

Another recent addition is Vladislav Bogicevic, a Yugoslav, who will also receive \$500,000 for three seasons.

He is expected to team with Franz Beckenbauer, who received \$2.8 million for signing a four-year contract with the Cosmos a year ago.

— From New York Herald.



Austrian scoring ace Krankl.

Austria's World Cup hopes rest heavily on the shoulders of Rapid Vienna's small striker Hans Krankl, the best scoring machine the country has produced for many years.

So far this year Krankl has banged in 30 goals the last three against LASK in Hapud's 6-0 win.

If all goes well for Krankl, he may break the Austrian league scoring record which has stood for 27 years.

Meanwhile, the LASK home defeat cost coach Willy Huberts his job: he was at once sent on a "holiday".

While he is pondering the fickle nature of soccer, the team is being coached by Wolfgang Gayer who was a player with the German Borussia Neunkirchen and then Hertha Berlin.

## PLATINI GOAL SINKS BRAZIL

Brazil's World Cup hopes received a dent in Paris where they went down 0-1 to a France which fielded seven reserves.

The wonder boy of French soccer, Platini scored the goal four minutes from fulltime.

Earlier Brazil had played 35 matches without a single defeat — 25 of them full internationals and 10 against club teams.

Their last victim was the Rio State team which Brazil, polished off to the tune of 7-0 with a brilliant display.

Star of the encounter was Zico who grabbed five goals for himself, the other two going to

Nunes and Rivelino.

Brazil's next big test comes this week when they play West Germany in Hamburg.

After that their four games in Europe will be Atletico Madrid (April 7), Inter Milan (April 13) and England (April 19).

Against Rio, Brazil fielded this team:

Lead-Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Edinho-Cerezo, Zico, Rivelino, Tarisco, Reinaldo (Nunes), Dirceu.

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